

WEEKLY VIEWS

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2010

PEN Products and Parkeview School hosted a recognition event for 4 apprenticeship, 14 GED, and 45 vocational students who have completed programs during the past six months at Rockville Correctional Facility. Doug Evans, PEN Operations/Job Placement Manager, and Tenille Davis, Leasing Consultant, spoke to graduates at the ceremony. Stephen Steed from the U.S. Department of Labor presented letters to those who completed an apprenticeship.

State Representative Peggy Welch from Bloomington, Indiana accepted an invitation to attend Correctional Industrial Facility's "Fifth Sunday's Chaplain's Choice" this weekend.

A group of mentors from the First Day Out Initiative met at Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational Facility this week to connect with residents and help coordinate their transition and re-entry to the community.

Westville Correctional Facility's offender basketball team played its first game against the Columbus Steamrollers ABA team. Recreation Leader and former NBA basketball player, Dan Palombizio, developed a team of all-stars among the 3,400 offenders at WCC. WCC prevailed 166-161.

Commander Guillaume and Lieutenant Edwards from the Anderson Preparatory Academy visited Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility this week. The Future Soldiers performed a drill for the Commander and Lieutenant, and the Lieutenant inspected their rooms.

Members of the Christian Motorcycle Association recently visited Pendleton Correctional Facility and conducted programs at the outside dorm and inside the walls.

The Indiana State Prison Education Department's Continuing Education Counsel has pledged \$500 for Haiti.

PEN Products presented 45 offender workers U.S. Department of Labor Apprenticeship certificates at the Pendleton Correctional Facility this week. The offenders earned the apprenticeships by completing both classroom and on-the-job training. PEN Products is in the business of preparing offenders for their release by instilling a work ethic and providing them opportunities to acquire marketable skills.

Correctional Industrial Facility's PLUS Unit donated \$500 to the American Red Cross for assistance with the aftermath of the earthquake in Haiti.

The Wabash Valley Correctional Facility Employee Appreciation Committee said "Thank You!" to staff this week by treating everyone to a good meal, serving lunch or dinner to every shift. Superintendent James Basinger applauded the effort, expressing thanks to everyone for their daily commitment to public safety.

Pendleton Correctional Facility conducted Staff Recalls this week. One session was held at 10:00 a.m. and another session was conducted at 10:00 p.m. for the night shift.

Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational Facility hosted its first quarterly Community Advisory Board meeting this week. Board members were updated on facility plans and activities and were given a tour of the facility.

Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility held its facility assembly this week. Awards were given for years of service, perfect attendance, and employee of the quarter, employee of the year and supervisor of the quarter.

The Organic Gardener's Offender Organization at the Indiana State Prison pledged \$500 for the Haiti relief effort.

Pendleton Correctional Facility hosted a Community Advisory Board meeting, which also involved the Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility and the Correctional Industrial Facility. Several members of the community attended and were provided an update of significant events at all three facilities.

CIF held a staff assembly, and 30 staff members discussed experiences, events, and issues taking place at the facility.

Indiana State Prison's Education Department was awarded a \$17,000 Adult Basic Education Federal Grant based on outstanding performance and completion rates. The IDOC Education Programs statewide outperformed the entire State of Indiana by enrolling 6,400 students with a 59.9% completion rate. The closest competitor had only 3,400 students enrolled with a statewide completion rate of 37%.